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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

- Sub. B1>* 1. (Amended) A gaming machine for use by a player, the gaming machine comprising:
a variable display for displaying graphical information corresponding to at least one of a plurality of graphical elements necessary for a principal game;
a controller coupled to said variable display for causing said variable display to display the graphical information; and